



Docket# 42524-1200

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

William J. Thompson

Application No.: 10/622,039

Filed: July 17, 2003

For: HINGED SPLIT NUT

Examiner: Neill R. Wilson

Group Art Unit: 3679

June 9, 2004

Irvine, CA 92614

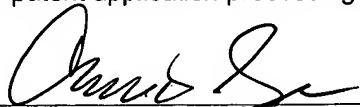
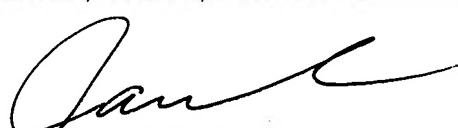
AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)			Docket No. 42524-1200		
Applicant(s): William J. Thompson					
Serial No. 10/622,039	Filing Date 7-17-2003	Examiner Wilson, Neill R.	Group Art Unit 3679		
Invention: HINGED SPLIT NUT					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	16 -	20 =	0 x	\$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$43.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.					
 Signature			Dated: June 9, 2004		
Albin H. Gess, Esq. Reg. No. 25,726 Snell & Wilmer LLP 1920 Main Street, Suite 1200 Irvine, CA 92614 949-253-2700 949-955-2507 Facsimile			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 6-9-2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p><div style="text-align: center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div><div style="text-align: center;">James Lee Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div></div>		
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